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The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) offers comment on the June 27, 1996 pre-assessment deliverables for the Westinghouse - Sharon, Pennsylvania site prepared by ChemRisk and delivered to the EPA Region III Remedial Project Manager (Vic Janosik) on July 1, 1996. The portion of the deliverables on Ecological Risk Characterization / Assessment (i.e., task outline) is a revision of the material BTAG discussed in the June 11, 1996 telephone conversation with PADEP, EPA Remedial Project Managers, Westinghouse, and ChemRisk (consultant to Westinghouse). As ChemRisk is currently conducting the ecological assessment, the Service conducted a quick and accelerated review of the revised task outline.

The June 27, 1996 revised ecological assessment outline generally reflects the direction given by BTAG during the June 11 telephone discussion. However, it is noted the last page of the outline under the topic of "Ecological Assessment Should Focus on Exposures to Sediment and Surface Water" does not include a family of receptors suggested by BTAG. In addition to "Insectivores," that were added at BTAG's request, BTAG had also recommended mammalian omnivores (e.g., raccoon, skunk, or opossum) that would feed on benthic invertebrates or fish (living or dead) from the Shenango River. The ecological effects screening assessment, as also proposed on the last page of the assessment outline, should consider these mammalian receptors to provide a complete exposure assessment of all potential families of ecological receptors expected to use the Shenango River corridor.

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